(c) The target for the X Five Year Plan is to set up one Marketing Complex each/every year.

(d) There is no Statewise target. Setting up of the Marketing Complexes in major cities/town in the country is to be considered on the basis of proposals received from the National and State Level Handloom Organizations with adequate financial and organizational resources, number of handloom agencies willing to participate and also subject to availability of suitable potential locations.

(e) Government of India is implementing the following Schemes for the overall development of handloom sector and the welfare of the handloom weavers throughout the country, including in Southern States.

1) Design Development & Training Programme
2) Marketing Promotion Programme
3) Mill Gate Price Scheme
4) Deen Dayal Hathkarga Prothsahan Yojana
5) Workshed-cum-Housing Scheme
6) Weavers Welfare Scheme
7) Handloom Export Scheme
8) Implementation of Handlooms (Reservation of Articles for Production) Act, 1985.
9) Scheme for Reimbursement of CENVAT on Hank Yarn.

Curtailment in Cotton Export Quota

929. SHRIMATI BIMBA RAIKAR: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the spinning units in India have sought relief from spiralling cotton prices through a curtailment in cotton export quota for six months;

(b) whether China is buying Indian cotton in large quantities and if so, whether this surge in Chinese cotton imports is due to its cotton crop failure last season; and

(c) how far the current rise in domestic cotton prices has affected the handloom and powerloom sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Import of cotton by China during the current cotton season is estimated at 1.2 million metric tons out of which 60% is likely to be imported from USA. Chinese import of Indian cotton is very negligible. Production, consumption and import of cotton in China during 2001-02, 2002-03 and 2003-04 are as under:

(In million metric tons)

Year (August-September)	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04
PRODUCTION	5.32	4.92	5.00
CONSUMPTION	5.70	6.40	6.50
IMPORT	0.10	0.69	1.20

Souce: International Cotton Advisory Committee

(c) Prices of cotton yarn (both hank and cone) are ruling higher than the price level of the last year. The increase in cotton and cotton yarn prices over last year's price level is a global phenomenon and is not confined to India alone, and is therefore unlikely to adversely affect the Indian cotton textile industry in the today's global market. Cotton prices have now shown declining trend from its peak leve reached in the first week of November, 2003 and it is expected to be stablised as the arrivals of crop increase. The situation is still evolving and impact, if any, is yet to emerge.

Textile Exports

930. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the strategy being adopted by Government to boost textile exports from the country in view of the increased quota sanction from Europe and other countries;

(b) how does India compare with China in terms of textile exports; and

(c) the details of vision and implementation process Government have evolved to challenge China and to increase India's share in textile exports?